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### VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation Louisiana Office of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

RE:

Application For Extension of Existing Authority to Commingle Onshore Production per Well Test; West White Lake Field Commingling Facility No. 93775 West White Lake Field; Vermilion Parish, Louisiana Applicant: Union Oil Company of California

## **Dear Commissioner Asprodites:**

Whereas obtaining consent from all interested parties concerned herein for administrative approval of the original filed application herein has proved impractical due to the numerosity of those parties, this amended application is hereby made on behalf of Union Oil Company of California ("Unocal"), requesting that the captioned matter be set for public hearing, and upon presentation of sufficient evidence thereat, that an Order issue approving a revision of the authority for the commingling of onshore gas and gas condensate production from the West White Lake Field, as situated within the captioned parish, in the existing West White Lake Commingling Facility No. 93775. By this Application, Unocal proposes to extend the authority to commingle in said Facility using well testing to accomplish fair allocation among all interested parties therein to one additional unit and one additional lease, and as per Statewide Order 29-D-1, LAC 43:XIX.1505(2)(b)(ii), requests a public hearing therefore as required after due notice under La. R.S. 30:6.

Unless otherwise indicated below, this Application is made pursuant and subject to certain Unitization Orders which have been duly entered to equitably allocate production among the interested parties hereto, from a number of the wells referenced below producing from defined sands recognized by the Louisiana Office of Conservation in the West White Lake Field, as situated in the captioned parish, and all as operated by Unocal. The following list the leases, units and wells, with applicable serial numbers, whose production currently flows to the "B" Battery (into which the lease, unit and wells that are the subject of this application will also flow):

LEASE OR UNIT	WELL	SERIAL NUMBER
State Lease 540 "B"	4	051415
	5	047410
	6	047804
	6D	108211
	11	049071
	12	049508
	13	049991
	14	051852
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	19	092040
	19D	092791
	22D	115808
	23	115025
	24	118060
	25	122247
	31	199471
	37	210977
	40	213468
6300' RA SUA; State Lease 540 "B" Well No. 31 (State Lease 540 "B" and State Lease 5951)	31	199471
7150' RB SU A; State Lease 540 "B" No. 30 (State Lease 540 "B" and State Lease 5951)	30	193387
WWL VUA; State Lease 540 "B" No. 26 (State Lease 540 "B" and State Lease 15038)	26	134846

By this application, Unocal seeks authority to commingle the following leases, units and wells whose production is serviced by the "B" Battery, in the same manner as previously granted and as per the extension requested herein:

LEASE OR UNIT	WELL	SERIAL NUMBER
State Lease 540 "B"	46	224524
WWL VUC; State Lease 15038 No. 2	2	224841

Additionally, enclosed herewith are the following:

- 1. A detailed narrative explanation of the flow of natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons, and produced water through the Facility; the procedures for testing and measurement of the volumes of gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons from each well flowing into the facility via periodic well tests; the metering of total gaseous and liquid hydrocarbons, and produced water processed through the facility; the frequency of inspections and/or calibration of the metering devices to be used to measure natural gas, liquid hydrocarbon, and produced water volumes for equitable allocation; and, the formulas to be utilized to calculate equitable allocation of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons, and water volumes therefrom;
- A detailed schematic flow diagram of the mechanical facilities to be used for commingling, including specific well test equipment and meter locations to be used for allocation purposes;

- 3. A list of Interested Parties concerned as per the new leases and units concerned herein; and
- 4. As a check for \$233.00 was forwarded as per the original application, our firm tenders herewith a second check for \$467.00 to total the amount of \$700.00 representing the required filing fee for this application as amended to request a public hearing.

Unocal, as the owner and operator of the facilities included in the West White Lake Commingling Facility No. 93775 in the West White Lake Field, makes this amended application proposing to accomplish commingling and allocation by well test of onshore production in the manner set forth in the narrative explanation attached hereto, and with reference and as shown on the detailed schematic flow diagram of the proposed commingling facility attached hereto.

Therefore, Unocal requests that notice of the filing of this amended application be published in the official journal of the State of Louisiana. Further, Unocal requests that a copy of said notice be forwarded to Unocal through counsel for mailing to all parties on the Interested Parties list, to be proved by an affidavit of mailing submitted to the Office of Conservation. Upon such due notice, Unocal requests that this matter be set for public hearing pursuant to La. R.S. 30:6 for consideration by the Commissioner of this amended application for the issuance of an Order approving the commingling of produced natural

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gas and liquid hydrocarbons from the aforementioned units and sands, and tested per well test and metered for total volume for commingling and equitable allocation as proposed.

Pursuant to the duly signed statement attached hereto, it is the opinion of Unocal, that the commingling of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons and the use of well test for allocation of production in the manner proposed herein+ will provide reasonably accurate measurement, will not create inequities, and will afford the owner of any interest therein the opportunity to recover his just and equitable share of production or revenues accruing from the units and wells under consideration. A notarized equity statement executed by an appropriate Unocal representative is attached hereto, attesting to and confirming same.

A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties. A copy of this amended application has been mailed to the District Manager of the Lafayette District, Office of Conservation. Upon receipt of the Legal Notice, the Applicant will mail a copy of same to all Interested Parties in accordance with Statewide Order 29-D-1, and forward to you the required affidavit of mailing.

Very truly yours,

**BRENT G. SONNIER** 

Attorney for UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

**BGS** (Enclosures)

cc: Mr. F

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Mr. Charles Bradbury, Engineer Louisiana Mineral Board

All Interested Parties